

Town Topics

Georgetowners

Dine a la 1800

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MORE THAN 100 years ago the first stage coach rumbled to "The Sign of the Indian King" in historic Georgetown.

Now the old tavern, remodeled and modernized, is Georgetown's first private club organized by 30 Georgetowners as charter members



Mrs. McNair

into the City Tavern.

Last night, there was a gala levee to reopen the tavern with members of the Board of Governors of the City Tavern Association hosts to members.

This evening there will be a repeat party when members will be allowed to bring guests.

Yesterday, the doors of the City Tavern were closed after lunch to get ready for the 10:30 opening.

DINNER PARTIES — and there were dozens of them — were given in neighboring Georgetown homes.

Mrs. Thurmond Chatham was hostess at her residence, Prospect House, just a walk down the hill to the City Tavern.

In her group were Rep. and Mrs. Clark Thompson, former Ambassador and Mrs. Myron Cowen, Mrs. Robert R. McCormick, Jack and Polly Logan, Joseph Hasek, Mr. and Mrs. George Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walsh.

The Edward Burlings had a large party including former Secretary of State and Mrs. Dean Acheson, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Fisher — she's chairman of the forthcoming International Ball; Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Ching, Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Glenn, Mrs. David Ginsburg — her husband joined the group at the Tavern; Bob Baker and Adcle Pew, Mrs. Carley Dawson, Kay Halle, Betty Beale, Henry Jenkins, Col. George Doole, Bill Greenough and William Dew of Middleburg, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Drew Pearson, Deputy to the Secretary of Commerce and Mrs. Herbert Klotz, Mrs. Frank Wisner, Mrs. Oates Leiter, Mrs. Lauriston Hardin, Betty Burton, Eugene Roberts, Edward Weintal, Dr. Harvey Poc, Herbert Merillat and William Taylor.

John Colie, president of the club, and H. Alexander Smith Jr., a club founder, were joint hosts at dinner. Their guests included Mr. and Mrs. David E. Finley, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Thoron, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Magnuson, Mr. and Mrs. William Moorhead, Mrs. Tucker McEvoy, and Clement Conger.

Capt. Peter Belin had former Ambassador and Mrs. George V. Allen among guests at his dinner party, and in a group entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Barnes were Assistant Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Paul Nitze, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gates Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Watts and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parrott.

There were no minuets last night. Instead the Great Hall, once a warehouse, was filled with music played by Meyer Davis and his orchestra from New York. Upstairs in the yellow flowered chintz "Long Room," the original ballroom of the tavern, where a late supper was served last night, President John Adams was entertained at a banquet by the Georgetown citizens. That was in the year 1800 and he came to see about the transfer of the Capital from Philadelphia to Washington.

DINNER AT EIGHT

The Ambassador of Jordan and Mrs. Yusuf Haikal, who are leaving next month for Paris, entertained at dinner last night for the U. S. Ambassador to Jordan, William B. Macomber, who is here for consultations.

Guests were talking about the forthcoming visit of Crown Prince Hasan al-Rida of Libya on Oct. 16.